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## PART 1 REMEMBRANCE

WELCOME TO THE PLANET MOBIUS--A WORLD BEYOND WHAT YOU KNOW FROM THE **SEGA** GAMES! WE JOIN THAT MYSTERIOUS BAND OF TREASURE HUNTERS KNOWN AS THE **BABYLON ROGUES** AS THEY FIND THEIR LATEST, AND PERHAPS GREATEST, TREASURE YET!

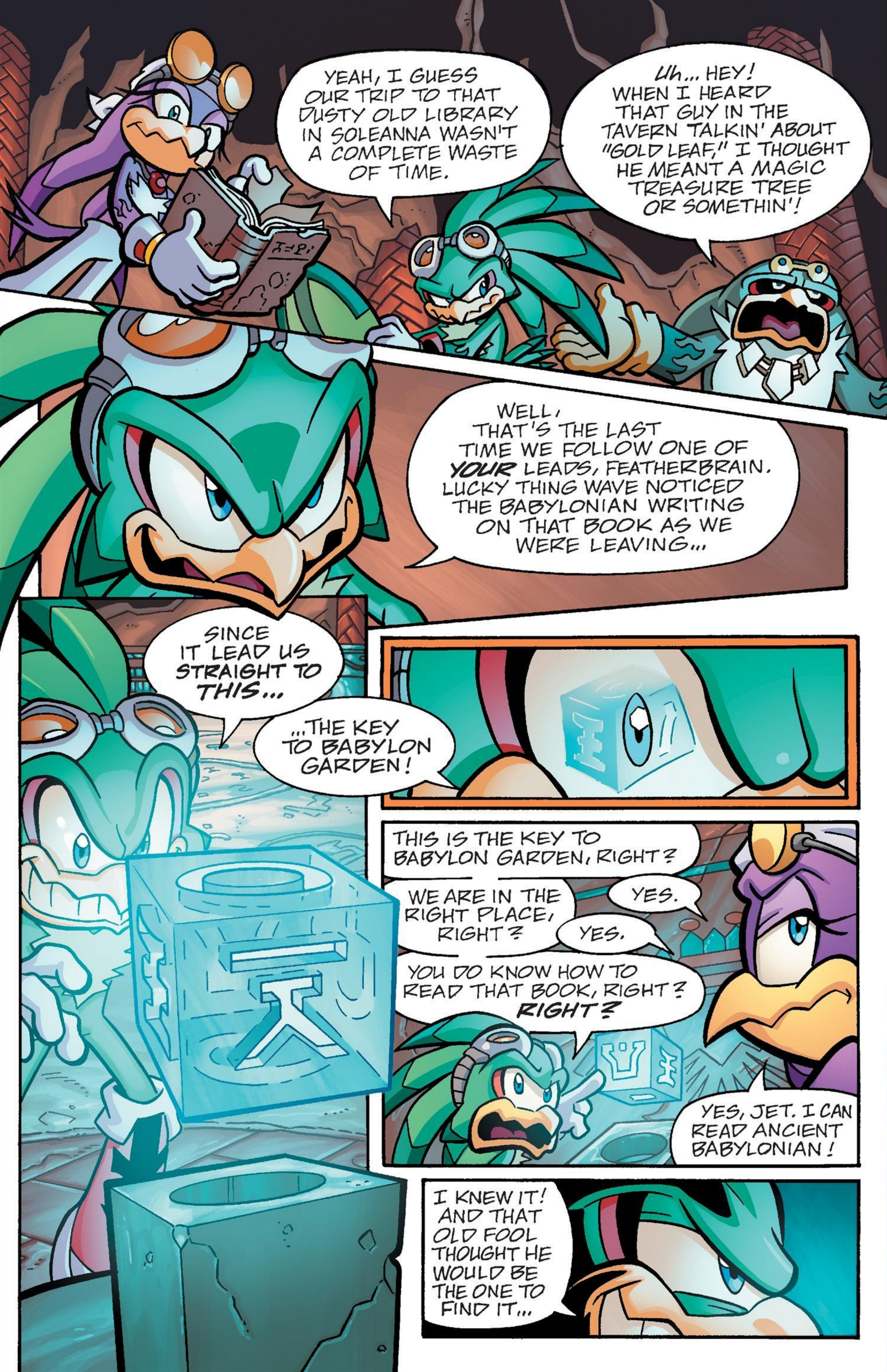
TO THINK WE MUST'VE FLOWN OVER THE GIGAN MOUNTAINS A HUNDRED TIMES, AND THIS WAS HIDING HERE ALL THE WHILE!

WELL, IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SO EASY TO FIND WITHOUT THIS BOOK WE CAME ACROSS AFTER THAT SOL EMERALD FIASCO!

SEE **SU** ISSUES 21-24. THEY ROCK!

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YEAH, I GUESS  
OUR TRIP TO THAT  
DUSTY OLD LIBRARY  
IN SOLEANNA WASN'T  
A COMPLETE WASTE  
OF TIME.

Uh... HEY!  
WHEN I HEARD  
THAT GUY IN THE  
TAVERN TALKIN' ABOUT  
"GOLD LEAF," I THOUGHT  
HE MEANT A MAGIC  
TREASURE TREE  
OR SOMETHIN'!

WELL,  
THAT'S THE LAST  
TIME WE FOLLOW ONE OF  
*YOUR* LEADS, FEATHERBRAIN.  
LUCKY THING WAVE NOTICED  
THE BABYLONIAN WRITING  
ON THAT BOOK AS WE  
WERE LEAVING...

SINCE  
IT LEAD US  
STRAIGHT TO  
THIS...

...THE KEY  
TO BABYLON  
GARDEN!

THIS IS THE KEY TO  
BABYLON GARDEN, RIGHT?

WE ARE IN THE  
RIGHT PLACE,  
RIGHT?

YES.

YES.

YOU DO KNOW HOW TO  
READ THAT BOOK, RIGHT?  
**RIGHT?**

YES, JET. I CAN  
READ ANCIENT  
BABYLONIAN!

I KNEW IT!  
AND THAT  
OLD FOOL  
THOUGHT HE  
WOULD BE  
THE ONE TO  
FIND IT...



"I REMEMBER THE SMUG LOOK  
ON THE BATTLE LORD'S FACE.  
I CAN'T WAIT TO WIPE IT OFF!"

BATTLE BIRD ARMADA  
FORTRESS, YEARS AGO...



I MUST THANK YOU FOR  
DEIGNING TO ANSWER MY  
SUMMONS, JET, AS IT  
SEEMS OBEDIENCE IS  
NOT YOUR DEFINING  
QUALITY.

I  
SUPPOSE--



AS GRAND BATTLE KUKKU  
THE 15TH AND BATTLE LORD  
OF THE MIGHTY BATTLE BIRD  
ARMADA, IT IS ESSENTIAL  
THAT THOSE UNDER MY  
COMMAND OBEY WITHOUT  
QUESTION IN ORDER TO  
FULFILL THE GREAT DESTINY  
THAT IS BEFORE US.

BUT--



AS ALL LOYAL  
MEMBERS OF OUR AVIAN  
ARMY AVOW, IT IS THE  
SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF WE  
BIRDS TO DOMINATE THE SKY  
AND ALL BENEATH IT! WE  
ARE POISED TO STRIKE!  
WE NEED ONLY TO  
**SWOOP...**





... AND  
**SEIZE** WHAT  
IS OURS!

OUR--?



YOU HAVE GREAT SKILL,  
JET, BUT YOU LACK FAITH.  
OUR MISSION WILL  
SUCCEED WHEN WE HAVE  
REGAINED THAT WHICH  
HAS BEEN LOST FOR  
SO LONG.

YOU  
MEAN--



YES! THE GREAT RELIC  
OF OUR ANCESTORS. THE  
BABYLON GARDEN! **WE** WILL  
FIND IT TOGETHER! AND  
THEN THE ARMADA WILL USE  
ITS LEGENDARY POWER TO  
SUBDUE ALL WHO STAND  
IN OUR--

Eh, YOU  
HAVE FUN WITH  
THAT.



SORRY, YOUR KUKKUNESS,  
BUT DOMINATING THE WORLD  
ISN'T WHAT I SIGNED UP FOR.  
I MEAN, WHO WANTS THAT  
KIND OF RESPONSIBILITY?  
FINDING THE BABYLON GARDEN  
DOES SOUND LIKE A GOAL  
WORTHY OF MY EFFORTS,  
THOUGH. MAYBE I'LL LET  
YOU KNOW WHEN I  
FIND IT.

I ADMIRE YOUR GALL,  
BUT NO ONE SIMPLY WALKS  
AWAY FROM THE BATTLE BIRD  
ARMADA. PERHAPS SOME  
TIME IN THE BRIG WILL  
REKINDLE YOUR FERVOR  
FOR OUR CAUSE!





THAT OLD DODO.  
HE'LL SEE SOME  
FERVOR ONCE WE  
FIND BABYLON  
GARDEN!

AND  
THAT GLOWY  
CUBE IS THE  
KEY TO THE  
BABYLON  
GARDEN,  
RIGHT?

YES,  
STORM,  
IT IS.

SO WHAT  
IS THE  
BABYLON  
GARDEN?

WELL, NO ONE KNOWS FOR  
SURE. THE GARDEN WAS LOST  
LONG BEFORE EVEN THE RISE OF  
THE BATTLE KUKKUS. SOME SAY  
IT'S A GREAT TREASURE TROVE  
OF WEALTH AND KNOWLEDGE.  
SOME THINK IT MIGHT BE A  
FORTRESS OR AN ANCIENT  
WEAPON OF SOME KIND.

SO NO  
FLOWERS?

PROBABLY  
NOT.

WHO WANTS  
FLOWERS ANY-  
HOW? THE GLORY  
OF FINDING IT IS  
WHAT I'M  
AFTER!

BE CAREFUL,  
JET! IT MAY BE  
BOOBY-  
TRAPPED!



WE'VE BEEN HUNTING  
TREASURE A LONG TIME,  
WAVE. I KNOW A TRAP  
WHEN I SEE ONE!



UH, JET?  
YOU **SURE**  
THIS AIN'T  
A TRAP?

SOMETHING IS  
POWERING UP!





BATTLE BIRD ARMADA  
FORTRESS ...



TWEET-  
TWEET!  
TWEET-  
TWEET!







NEW MOBOTROPOLIS



BWOOT!  
BWOOT!  
BWOOT!

NICOLE, HAVE YOU  
NOTICED THIS  
UNIDENTIFIED ENERGY  
SIGNATURE YET?

NO, ROTOR. I  
FIND THAT I'M  
NOT ABLE TO  
FOCUS CLEARLY AT  
THE MOMENT.\*

\*OUR HEROES  
HAVE JUST  
BEEN THROUGH  
THE UNSETTLING  
EVENTS OF  
"GENESIS."  
SEE **STH**  
ISSUES  
224-230.



I'M SORRY,  
NICOLE. I JUST TRY  
TO FOCUS ON THE WORK  
AT HAND TO HELP ME  
GET THROUGH. I, uh...  
I THINK WE SHOULD  
GO OVER SOME NEW  
SECURITY MEASURES  
I MENTIONED TO  
ELIAS.









MAYBE YOU SHOULDN'TA ASKED, JET.

YA THINK?!

AH! FORCE FIELD ENHANCED HOLOGRAPHY ALLOWING FOR CORPOREAL INTERACTION. I HAD NO IDEA THE ANCIENT BABYLONIANS WERE SO TECHNICALLY ADVANCED!



FASCINATING! HOW DO WE MAKE THIS HIGH-TECH WATCHDOG HEEL?

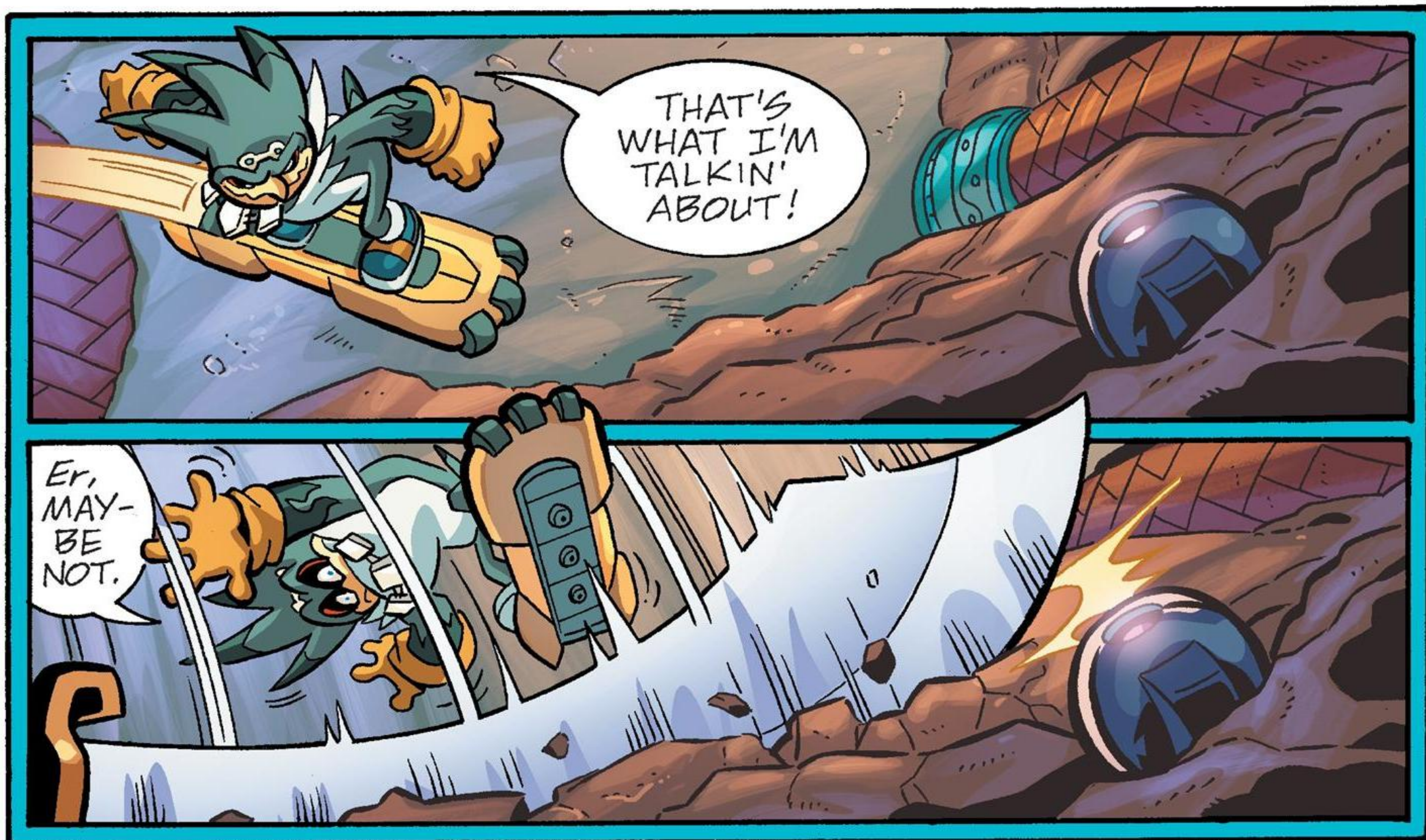
IF THE FORCE FIELDS ARE DISABLED, THE RECONSTRUCTION BEAMS WILL CEASE TO HAVE ANY TANGIBLE EFFECTS, THUS REVERTING THE HOLOGRAM TO A PURELY VISUAL STATE AND RENDERING IT HARMLESS.



WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

SMASH THE SHINY PROJECTORS!







HEY, BIG GUY!  
I'M A BIRD! I  
DON'T NEED  
FLYING  
LESSONS!

UH,  
DON'T WORRY,  
BOSS! I  
GOTCHA!

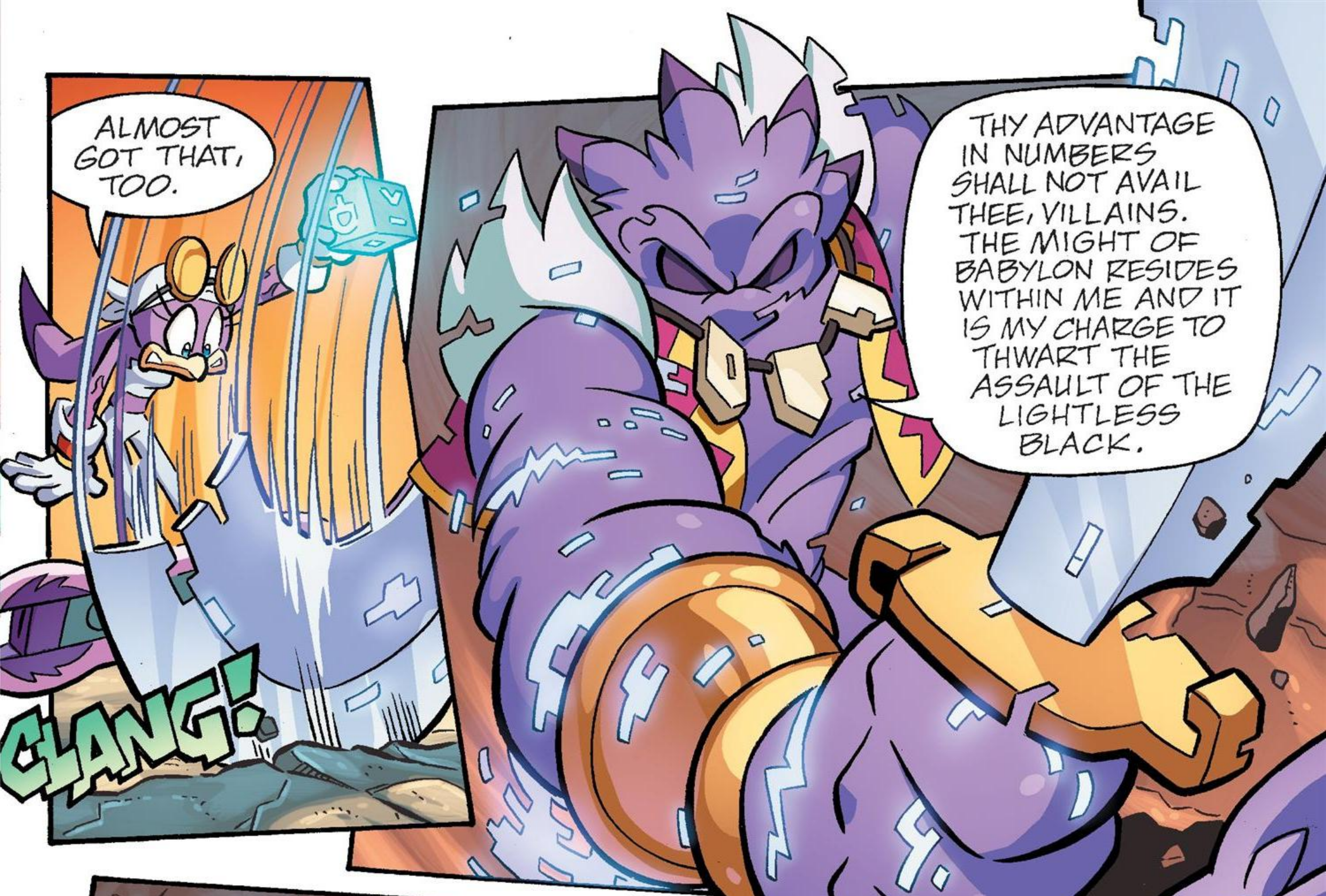
WAVE!  
CATCH  
THE  
KEY!!

SMASH!

WHOOOF!

GOT  
IT!





ALMOST  
GOT THAT,  
TOO.

THY ADVANTAGE  
IN NUMBERS  
SHALL NOT AVAIL  
THEE, VILLAINS.  
THE MIGHT OF  
BABYLON RESIDES  
WITHIN ME AND IT  
IS MY CHARGE TO  
THWART THE  
ASSAULT OF THE  
LIGHTLESS  
BLACK.

CLANG!

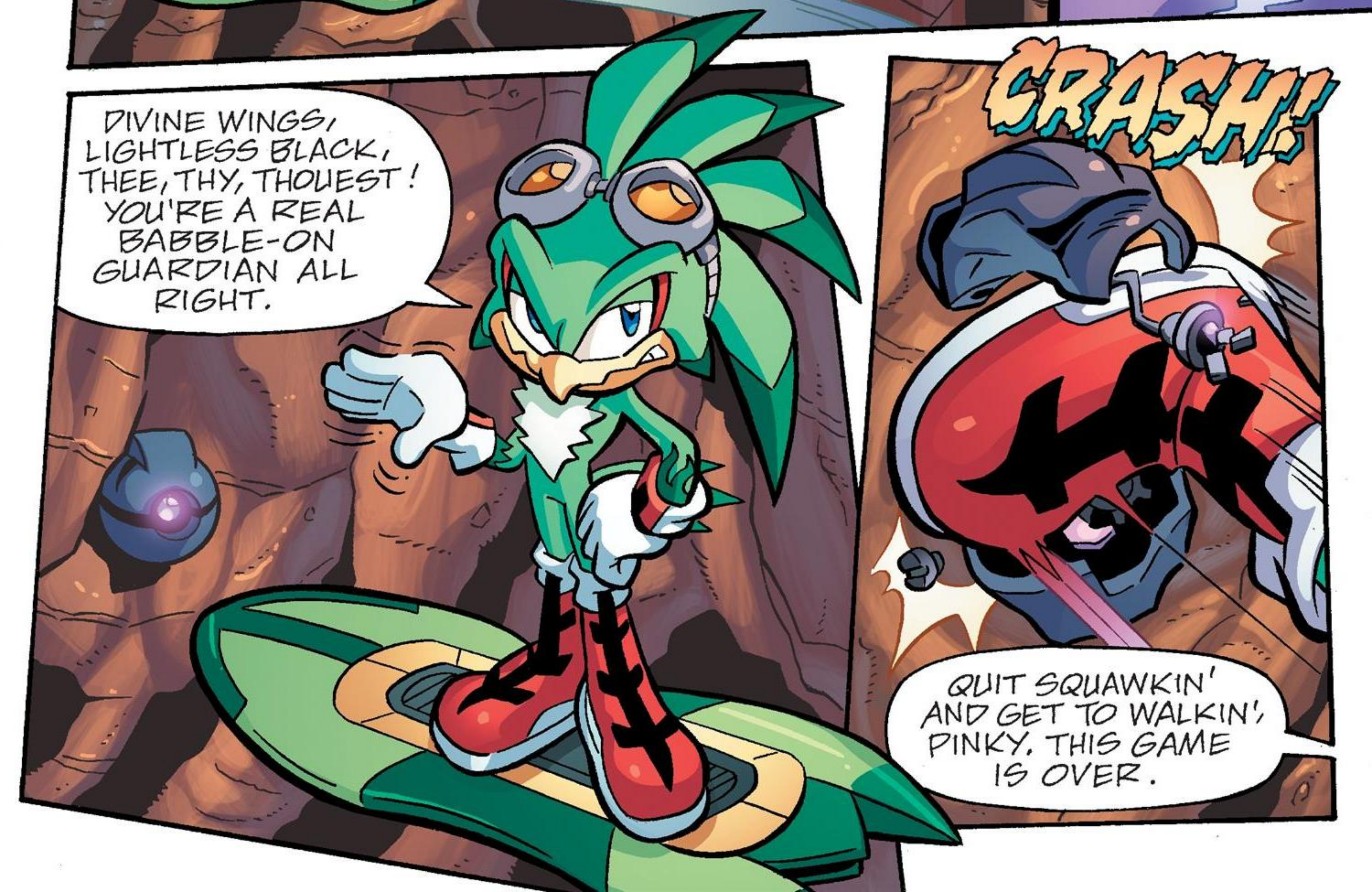
BLAH,  
BLAH,  
BLAH!



DIVINE WINGS,  
LIGHTLESS BLACK,  
THEE, THY, THOUEST!  
YOU'RE A REAL  
BABBLE-ON  
GUARDIAN ALL  
RIGHT.

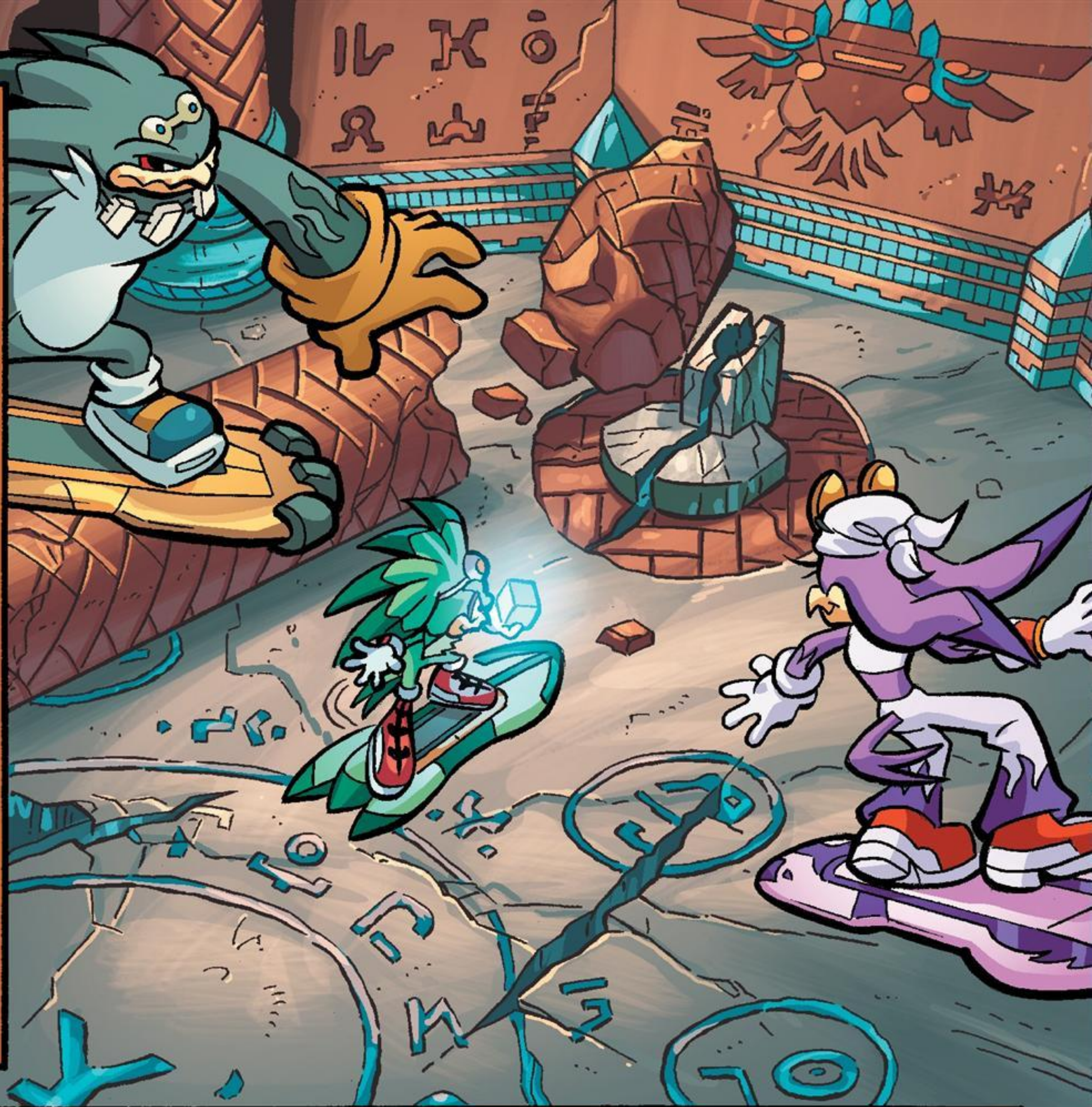
CRASH!!

QUIT SQUAWKIN'  
AND GET TO WALKIN',  
PINKY. THIS GAME  
IS OVER.





UNDO THY TRANS-  
GRESSION WHILST  
THOU YET MAY...  
THOU HAST BEEN  
WARNED.



WELL, ROGUES.  
WE GOT WHAT  
WE CAME  
FOR!

I DON'T KNOW,  
JET. SHOULD  
WE TAKE IT  
AFTER ALL?

YEAH.  
THAT LOS  
ANGELES GUY  
WAS KINDA  
SCARY.



I CAN'T BELIEVE  
WHAT I'M HEARING!  
ARE YOU TWO  
TURNING CHICKEN  
ON ME? AFTER  
ALL WE'VE BEEN  
THROUGH?

I THOUGHT WE  
WERE IN THIS TOGETHER  
AS A TEAM. FINDING THIS,  
FINDING THE **BABYLON  
GARDEN** IS THE ULTIMATE  
PRIZE. IT'S THE REASON  
WE ARE THE **BABYLON  
ROGUES**...!





"OR HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THE PATH WE STARTED ON TOGETHER?"

THE PAST

ARGH!  
IF ONLY WE HAD SOME EXTREME GEAR!

THIS CLUNKY ZEPPELIN WILL HAVE TO DO FOR NOW. YOU GUYS SURE YOU WANT TO TAG ALONG WITH ME?

YOU JUST BUSTED US OUT OF THE BRIG! I'M NOT GETTING THROWN RIGHT BACK IN! BESIDES, DR. FUKUROKOV THREW ME IN THERE OUT OF JEALOUSY! I HAD EVERY RIGHT TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO HIS PRECIOUS ENGINES EVEN IF THEY WERE UNAUTHORIZED!

I DON'T LIKE GETTIN' THROWN IN THE CLINK JUST 'CUZ I CLOBBER A "SUPERIOR OFFICER"! I DON'T LIKE SUPERIOR OFFICERS. I DO LIKE YOU.

FANTASTIC! WITH OUR COMBINED SKILLS, WE'LL MAKE THESE PUFFED UP ARMADA IDIOTS BEG TO HAVE US BACK. WE'LL SHOW THE WORLD WHAT THE DESCENDANTS OF BABYLON CAN **REALLY** DO. AND WE WILL SNATCH THE "GREAT DESTINY" RIGHT OUT FROM UNDER THE BATTLE LORD'S BIG BULBOUS BEAK!

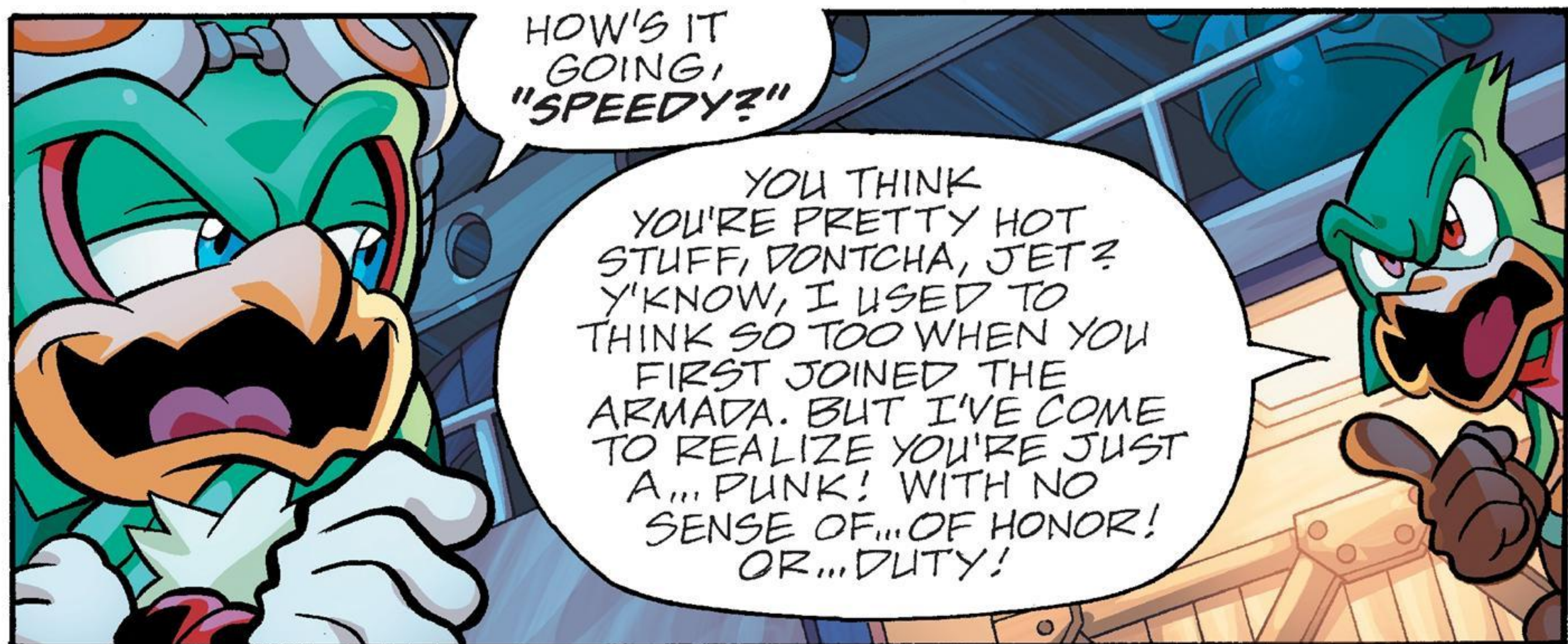
**HEY!**





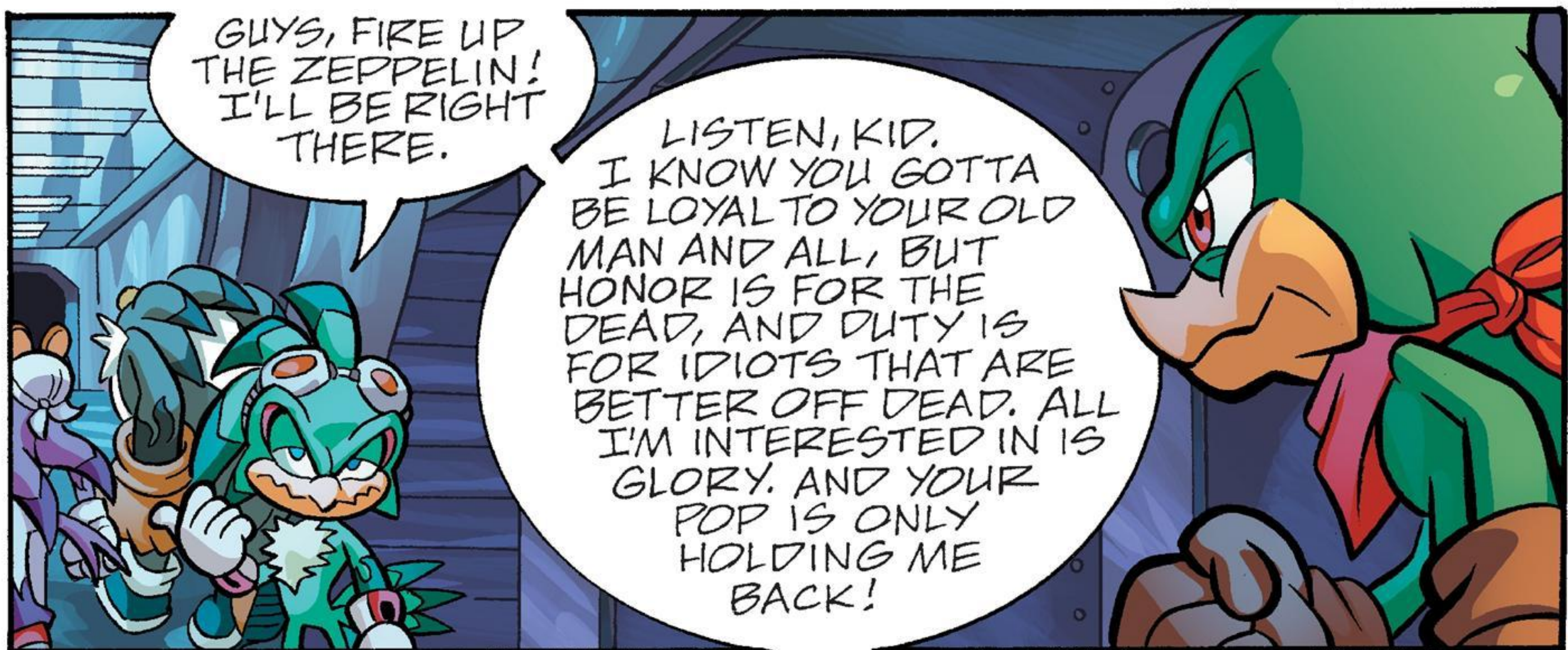
THE GUARDS ARE ON THEIR WAY. YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE.

WELL, IF IT ISN'T THE WINGED WUNDERKIND, THE HEIR TO THE AIR, MR. BATTLE KUKKU THE 16TH.



HOW'S IT GOING, "SPEEDY?"

YOU THINK YOU'RE PRETTY HOT STUFF, DONTCHA, JET? Y'KNOW, I USED TO THINK SO TOO WHEN YOU FIRST JOINED THE ARMADA. BUT I'VE COME TO REALIZE YOU'RE JUST A... PUNK! WITH NO SENSE OF... OF HONOR! OR... DUTY!



GUYS, FIRE UP THE ZEPPELIN! I'LL BE RIGHT THERE.

LISTEN, KID. I KNOW YOU GOTTA BE LOYAL TO YOUR OLD MAN AND ALL, BUT HONOR IS FOR THE DEAD, AND DUTY IS FOR IDIOTS THAT ARE BETTER OFF DEAD. ALL I'M INTERESTED IN IS GLORY. AND YOUR POP IS ONLY HOLDING ME BACK!



SO YOU'RE JUST GOING TO WALK AWAY FROM YOUR COMMITMENT? GO ROGUE?!

THAT'S ABOUT THE SIZE OF IT.





I SAID,  
YOU'RE NOT  
GOING ANY-  
WHERE.

YEAH.  
THIS IS ME,  
GOING ANY-  
WHERE I  
WANT.



YOU GOT SPUNK,  
KID, BUT YOU'RE  
OUT OF YOUR  
LEAGUE!

HRK!



TAKE  
ME  
WITH  
YOU...



SORRY, KID.  
THE **BABYLON**  
**ROGUES** ARE OFF  
TO MEET THEIR  
DESTINY. YOU'VE  
GOT TO FIND  
YOUR OWN.



OUR  
DESTINY!

NOW

WE ROGUES  
HAVE STUCK  
TOGETHER  
THROUGH THICK  
AND THIN ...

...AND  
NOW IT'S  
GOING TO  
PAY OFF!

Rmmmm

I HATE  
TO POINT  
OUT THE  
OBVIOUS,  
BUT ...

WE'RE  
KINDA  
TRAPPED.

RRRRUMMBLE!!!

THEY HAVEN'T  
BUILT A CAGE YET  
THAT COULD HOLD THE  
BABYLON ROGUES!  
STORM?

ONE  
EXIT,  
COMIN'  
UP!





THOOM!



RRRUUMBLE!!

THE STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY OF THE TUNNEL IS RAPIDLY DETERIORATING! I ESTIMATE COMPLETE COLLAPSE IN A MATTER OF MINUTES!



SO, A BUNCH OF ROCK IS GONNA SQUISH US IF WE DON'T GET OUTTA HERE QUICK, HUH?



RIGHT.

NO WAY! WE'VE COME TOO FAR TO GET GROUND INTO BIRD SEED NOW! LET'S BOOK!







**CRİK-  
CRRRIK!**

**CRACK!  
CRACK!**

Uh-oh!  
SQUISH  
TIME!

GO!  
GO!  
GO!

**CRULSH!!!**

HA!  
WE GOT IT!  
NOW THERE'S  
NOTHING  
STANDING  
BETWEEN US  
AND BABYLON  
GARDEN!







THOSE  
GUYS ARE  
IN OUR  
WAY.

HELLO,  
BABYLON ROGUES.  
IT'S TIME TO  
MEET YOUR  
DESTINY.

IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THE BABYLON ROGUES HAVE FLOWN OUT OF THE FRYING PAN AND INTO THE FIRE! BUT IS THEIR GOOSE REALLY COOKED? PICK UP THE NEXT ISSUE OF **SONIC UNIVERSE** TO SEE IF THEY CAN OUTFRAN THE BATTLE BIRD ARMADA! IN THE MEANTIME, CHECK OUT **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**, THE EVER-EXPANDING **SONIC GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY**, AND THE BRAND-NEW **SONIC SUPER SPECIAL MAGAZINE**!



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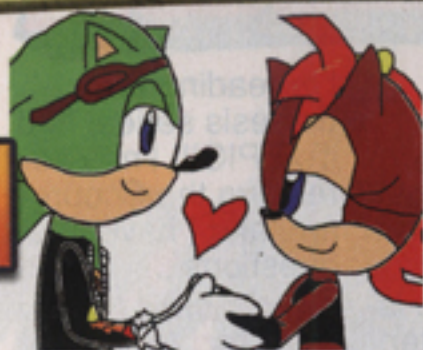
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## FAN FUNNIES!

Fan Funnies, by Samantha, age 5

So, Scourge,  
how do you  
like our  
sideways  
dimension?



It hurts  
my neck



Yeah,  
mine too

**Samantha P.** from Pennsylvania

## HEY, KIDS!

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BRAWL BEGIN!

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AND THE BABYLON ROGUES  
DUKE IT OUT FOR THE  
SECRETS OF THEIR PAST!

ON SALE THE WEEK OF 11/29/11!

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THE FATE OF  
SALLY ACORN:  
REVEALED!

THE EPIC STORY CONCLUDES!  
PLUS AN EXCLUSIVE "SONIC  
GENERATIONS" STORY!

"...TWO STEPS BACK"

ON SALE THE WEEK OF 11/8/11

Dear 'My Sonic Universe',  
I usually don't write to you guys, but the Scourge saga was so awesome, I had no choice. Scourge is my favorite character, and to get 4 whole issues about him was so cool. I loved Tracy Yardley's artwork, and the history of the Destructix along with Fiona's past made it even more fun to read. I hope to see more of our favorite green hedgehog soon. Keep up the good work!

Robert W.  
from Kentucky

*Thanks, Robert!  
I think that the  
"Scourge" arc was  
my favorite too!*

Dear 'My Sonic Universe',  
Hi!!

Hi!

I'm reading the Genesis series, and it's EPIC!!! I'm also reading the Scourge arc, and I have a few questions...

*That's what I'm here for! (Well, that and to read all 4 billion "don't kill Sally!" & the occasional "please kill Sally!" e-mails!)*

1) In the first comic of the Scourge arc, who is "King Acorn?!" Is it Sally's DAD?! I sure hope not!

*The King Acorn you see in Zone Jail is indeed Sally's dad, but only in the evil "Moebius" zone! Sally's dad on Mobius prime isn't evil, just crotchety!*

2) Is the big bully "Smalls" an alternate big or something?! Cuz he sure looks like him!

*He is! And he does!*

3) Do you think the Werehog could have his own arc? He is one of my fav characters!! I'd like to see what you guys can come up with!

*A Werehog arc would make continuity a bit... hairy...ithankyou*

Well, I think that's it! Give a big hug to everybody that helps make this comic book possible! I'm a HUGE fan of Sonic!! He's my #1 hedgehog! I'll always be his biggest fan! HAPPY 20th, SONIC!!! We all love you! Keep on fighting for Mobius!!! I'll be rooting for 'ya!!

Emily T.  
sent to sonic@archiecomics.com

*Thanks, Emily!*

*That's all for now!  
See y'all next month!*

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— Paul Kaminski  
Editor



BATTLE BIRD ARMADA  
DRONE DESIGNS BY  
TRACY YARDLEY!